

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-20.

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Applicant will have canceled claims 21-25. Such cancellation is expressly made without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter. Accordingly, all claims remaining in the application (claims 1-20) have been allowed.

In the above-referenced Official Action, the Examiner rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LIU et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,680,482) in view of TUCKER et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,313). The Examiner rejected claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LIU et al. and TUCKER et al., and further in view of MALLADI et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,818,532). The Examiner rejected claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LIU et al. in view of BOYCE et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,635,985).

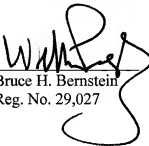
Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's grounds for rejection above, at least for the reasons set forth in the previous relevant responses in the present application, and nothing in this Response should be interpreted as acquiescence in the rejections of claims 21-25 as being unpatentable over the combinations of prior art cited by the Examiner. Nevertheless, merely in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims in the present application, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims, as stated above. Accordingly, all claims remaining in the application have been allowed.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in

condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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